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COFRDA FUNDS  
BUILD ROADS AND BRIDGES  
FOR FOREST ACCESS



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Six hundred kilometres of forest access roads and 14 bridges will be built in Ontario with \$18.2-million from the Canada-Ontario Forest Resource Development Agreement (COFRDA).

The funding for construction or reconstruction of roads and bridges over the next three years was announced today by Gerald Merrithew, federal Minister of State for Forestry and Mines, and Vincent Kerrio, Ontario Minister of Natural Resources.

These forest access roads will improve the distribution of both harvesting and forest renewal operations, permit the salvage of damaged timber stands, provide quick response routes for forest fire fighting crews, and will enhance wildlife management and tourism.

Twenty-three projects are being financed by the province alone; Ontario will share the cost of 16 projects with the forest industry; the federal and provincial governments will jointly fund eight projects; and one project will be funded co-operatively by Ontario, the federal government and the forest industry.

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The projects are located in the following Ontario regions: northwestern \$4,970,900 (9 projects); north central \$4,300,700 (6 projects); northern \$2,143,800 (6 projects); northeastern \$2,900,000 (8 projects); Algonquin \$3,296,700 (15 projects); eastern \$535,300 (3 projects); central \$24,000 (1 project).

COFRDA is a five-year cost-sharing agreement signed by the Ontario and federal governments in 1984, designed to support and enhance forest management in the province.

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## News Release/Communiqué

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STUDIES ON HOW FORESTRY PRACTICES  
AFFECT MOOSE POPULATIONS  
FUNDED BY COFRDA

How are moose in Ontario affected by forestry operations? Do current forestry practices that are designed to protect moose really work?

These are some of the questions that will be answered in four new projects announced today under the Canada-Ontario Forest Resource Development Agreement (COFRDA).

Three of the projects are directly concerned with the effects of timber harvesting on the moose population. The fourth is a study of the impact of the herbicide "Round-up" on moose and other fur-bearing animals.

The studies will cost about \$354,000, and are cost-shared by the federal and provincial governments under the terms of COFRDA, a \$150 million five-year joint agreement. In announcing approval of the projects, Federal Minister of State (Forestry) Gerald Merrithew and Ontario Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio said the work will provide valuable information to help preserve important provincial wildlife resources.

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A project in the Kenora district will assess the effectiveness of various modifications of clear-cutting practices. The \$88,973 two-year study will look at different techniques for providing wildlife shelter while optimizing timber yield.

A \$60,000 study in the Wawa district will examine in a three-year study how to protect moose better in heavily cutover areas. Forest areas which have been heavily cut can provide productive habitat for moose because of the increased growth of young trees that moose like to browse. However, the cutovers also provide easier access for hunters and loss of cover for the moose.

The project will examine the effects of modified cutting and hunting practices in certain limited areas. There will be consultations with hunters, tourist camp operators, timber companies and others as the program is developed.

In the Temagami district, another project will involve evaluating habitat guidelines for aquatic feeding areas used by moose. The \$25,000 study will help to define what constitutes adequate protection for moose aquatic feeding areas during timber harvesting operations.

The assessment of the impact on wildlife habits of "Round-Up", the herbicide approved in 1984 for forestry applications in the control of weeds, will be carried out in the Thunder Bay district and will cost \$180,000.

"Round-Up" the trade name for glyphosate, has been used for agricultural purposes for more than a decade.

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"All of these new COFRDA projects will help us find improved ways to protect our important moose populations," said Mr. Merrithew.

"The information we learn from these studies will help us reach our goal in Ontario of 160,000 moose by the year 2000, almost double the current population of around 85,000," Mr. Kerrio added.

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### News Release/Communiqué

July 17, 1986

FEDERAL-PROVINCIAL AGREEMENT  
PROVIDES \$2.7-MILLION  
FOR ONTARIO FOREST PROJECTS



If you have a woodlot on your property, or if you want to establish a forest at your home, farm or cottage, then you might be interested in private land forestry projects funded by the Canada-Ontario Forest Resource Development Agreement (COFRDA).

COFRDA has allocated \$1.5-million to provide advice, assistance and educational services to the public on a wide range of forest management practices, such as planting, tending, harvesting and creating wildlife habitat.

This is one of four forestry improvement initiatives, worth \$2.7-million, announced today by Gerald Merrithew, federal Minister of State (Forestry and Mines) and Vincent Kerrio, Ontario Minister of Natural Resources.

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The projects are as follows:

- The \$1.5-million project mentioned above includes extra funding for the Ministry of Natural Resources' Woodlands Improvement Act (WIA) agreements. Under these agreements, MNR helps private landowners establish and improve woodlots on their properties. The funding will also enable MNR to conduct surveys of selected townships to determine areas of greatest forest productivity and potential. And it will cover the cost of brochures, publications, slide shows and displays on private land forest management.
- \$1.153-million to help fund the cost of a state-of-the-art computer system for MNR's Forest Resources Group. The system will enable Forest Resources Group to update forest resource inventory data quickly, access a wide range of forestry data instantly, and analyse this information easily in order to make the best forest management decisions possible.
- \$63,500 to develop a series of guidelines or procedures for using computer systems in forest industry.

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- \$25,000 to survey black walnut/white pine plantations in the ministry's Aylmer, Chatham, Simcoe and Wingham districts. Since 1966, more than 200 black walnut/white pine plantations have been established on abandoned farm land in southwestern Ontario to grow high quality timber. To date, little data is available on the growth and yield of these plantations. The survey will determine plantation performance and identify the main factors that influence growth and yield. This information will help MNR select the best planting sites and techniques for establishing future plantations on abandoned farmland.

"These projects will enable my ministry to continue to strengthen forest management efforts across Ontario," Mr. Kerrio said.

"This COFRDA funding will enhance existing forestry expertise and increase employment opportunities across the province," added Mr. Merrithew.

COFRDA, a five-year, \$150-million cost sharing agreement, was signed in November 1984.

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## News Release/Communiqué

December 10, 1985

**INCREASE IN PRESCRIBED FOREST BURNS  
TO BE FUNDED THROUGH  
FEDERAL-PROVINCIAL AGREEMENT**

Ontario will increase use of prescribed burns five-fold to prepare more area for forest renewal under a new \$3.6-million project jointly funded under the Canada-Ontario Forest Resource Development Agreement (COFRDA).

The forest renewal enhancement project was announced today by Gerald Merrithew, federal Minister of State (Forestry) and Ontario Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio. It allows Ontario to increase its original prescribed burn target to 230 square kilometres from 50 square kilometres over the next four years.

Prescribed burns are an economical way to clear away debris on logged-over areas and stands of dead trees to prepare forest sites for replanting, seeding or natural regeneration.

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"COFRDA is a \$150-million five-year co-operative forestry agreement which provides for increased forest renewal and other intensive forest management activities through to 1989," Mr. Merrithew said. "The key aim is to improve forest management and provide greater employment opportunities in the forestry sector."

"Prescribed burning is an effective forest management tool that has been used in Ontario for 30 years," Mr. Kerrio said. "This new project will allow Ontario to considerably expand its forest renewal programs."

The Ministry of Natural Resources will use the project funds to hire five additional specialists to develop targets, plans, participate in burns and train staff.

An additional weather technician will also be hired to provide special forecasts. There will also be up to 15 five-member crews trained in fire control and two senior fire technicians to supervise extra fire crews.

Decision-making aids and tools to assist in planning and conducting prescribed burns will also be developed and implemented.

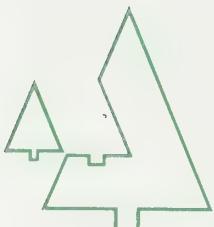
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## News Release/Communiqué

December 3, 1985

**FEDERAL-PROVINCIAL AGREEMENT  
ASSISTS ONTARIO'S  
FIREFIGHTING MANAGEMENT CAPABILITIES**

Forest fire management in Ontario will receive substantial financial assistance for firefighting programs from now until 1990, thanks to three new Canada-Ontario Forest Resource Development Agreement (COFRDA) programs.

COFRDA will spend \$1.4-million over the next four years on forest fire fighting improvement programs, Federal Minister of State (Forestry), Gerald Merrithew, and Ontario Natural Resources Minister, Vincent Kerrio, announced today.

The COFRDA projects include: \$200,000 to develop a forest fire fighting training package for municipal firefighters in southern Ontario; \$200,000 to establish four firefighting forward attack bases -- two each in northwestern and north central Ontario; and \$1-million to expand the computerization of ministry fire centres in the north.

The Ministry of Natural Resources will contribute an additional \$940,000 to supplement the computer expansion program.

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The forest fire suppression course material for southern Ontario's municipal fire brigades will include workbooks, slide tape programs and self-administered tests. The package will be completed in 1989.

"Although southern Ontario's 25,000 volunteer municipal firefighters are trained in structural firefighting, they do not have access to effective training aids or self-taught programs tailored to the special skills needed for forest fire suppression," said Mr. Merrithew.

"Many of these firefighters are responsible for protecting forests and woodlands. Forest fires in these areas not only have the potential to destroy valuable plantations and woodlots, but can also threaten private property and human lives," he said.

Establishing four forward attack bases in northern Ontario reduces the distances initial attack firefighters have to travel to protect valuable wood supplies.

"These temporary bases will be activated and staffed when fire hazard conditions in the area warrant," said Mr. Kerrio. "They will consist of basic facilities for warehousing, communications, aircraft fuelling and accommodation for firefighters. All bases will be located so that they can be expanded if necessary."

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"Expansion of the existing computer network for firefighting is urgently required," said Mr. Kerrio. "This year, minicomputers will be installed at the Aviation and Fire Management Centre in Sault Ste. Marie and at the regional fire centre in Timmins. Databases and software will be prepared for future systems in the ministry's northwestern, north central, northeastern and Algonquin regions."

COFRDA, which was signed in 1984, is a five-year, \$150-million agreement -- funded jointly by the federal and provincial governments -- to develop increased tree production and planting, and to assist other forest management activities in Ontario.

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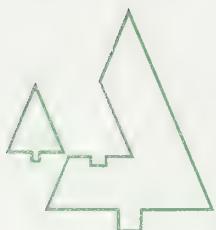
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### ONTARIO FORESTS STRENGTHENED WITH \$21.3-MILLION IN FEDERAL/PROVINCIAL FOREST IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

The Ontario forestry program has received Canada-Ontario Forest Resource Development Agreement (COFRDA) funding to purchase 44 million tree seedlings from private growers and to regenerate and tend an additional 31,600 hectares of forest land this year.

These are just some of the results from the \$21.3-million in forest improvement projects announced today by Gerald Merrithew, federal Minister of State (Forestry) and Vincent Kerrio, Ontario Minister of Natural Resources.

"These intensive forest management projects will provide increased employment opportunities across Ontario," said Mr. Merrithew.

"These wide-ranging silvicultural activities -- which are in addition to my ministry's ongoing forestry programs -- are an important step toward ensuring a long-term supply of wood and a healthy future for our forestry industry," Mr. Kerrio added.

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The funding -- for 98 projects in fiscal 1985-86 -- comes from the five-year, \$150-million cost-shared Canada-Ontario Forest Resource Development Agreement, signed in November 1984.

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EDITORS: Please note a breakdown of funding is attached.

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## FUNDING BREAKDOWN FOR COFRDA FOR 1985/86

The funding for the 98 projects for the 1985/86 fiscal year breaks down as follows:

- \$9.4-million to acquire 44 million containerized seedlings from private growers.
- \$6-million to regenerate more than 23,000 hectares of forests in 31 different locations across Ontario -- either through planting, seeding or special cutting techniques to promote natural regeneration.
- \$2-million for forest access improvements in northwestern Ontario.
- \$1.5-million for 14 site preparation and 20 stand tending projects on a total of more than 8,600 hectares in eastern, central, southwestern and northern Ontario.
- \$1.1-million for 23 tree improvement projects, primarily in northern Ontario. This work includes genetic testing and producing genetically improved planting stock of the major species, as well as establishing tree orchards and propagating selected stock.
- \$1.1-million allocated to the Brockville technical development unit to transfer technological information to the province's hybrid poplar field program. The work will include regeneration, tending, site preparation and pest control operations on hybrid poplar plantations in eastern Ontario.
- \$200,000 for research and development on a wide variety of forestry topics, including genetic selection, the impact of fire, nutrient standards, enhanced silviculture techniques, drought and temperature stress, irrigation models for nurseries and root rot. Some of this research and development will be carried out by federal or provincial forest research scientists. Also participating in this work are the University of Toronto's faculty of forestry, and the University of Guelph's Ontario Agricultural College and department of geography.





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## News Release/Communiqué

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**FOREST RENEWAL OPERATIONS  
SUPPORTED BY  
FEDERAL-PROVINCIAL AGREEMENT**

Forest renewal operations are under way in the Algoma area of northern Ontario under a \$514,000 contract funded jointly by the Canada-Ontario Forest Resource Development Agreement (COFRDA) and Algoma Central Railway.

The projects, announced today by Gerald Merrithew, federal Minister of State (Forestry), Ontario Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio and Sault Ste. Marie MP James Kelleher, will create approximately 300 weeks of direct employment.

"COFRDA is a \$150-million co-operative forestry agreement which provides for increased forest renewal and other intensive forest management activities from 1984 through 1989," Mr. Merrithew said. "The key aims of the agreement are improved forest management and greater employment opportunities in the forestry sector."

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"The Algoma projects will establish fully stocked stands of pine on productive sites adjacent to the railway line between Hawk Junction and Sault Ste. Marie," Mr. Kerrio said. "A second objective is to permit existing young coniferous stands to achieve their maximum growth potential."

Major activities include pretreatment surveys, site preparation, purchase of nursery stock and planting. Other activities include the collection of cones, aerial seeding, and the release of young plantations and natural regeneration from brush competition.

More than 5,700 hectares will be surveyed to select the best sites for treatment. Within this area, about 600 hectares of new plantations will be established, and an additional 280 hectares of plantations and/or natural regeneration will be released.

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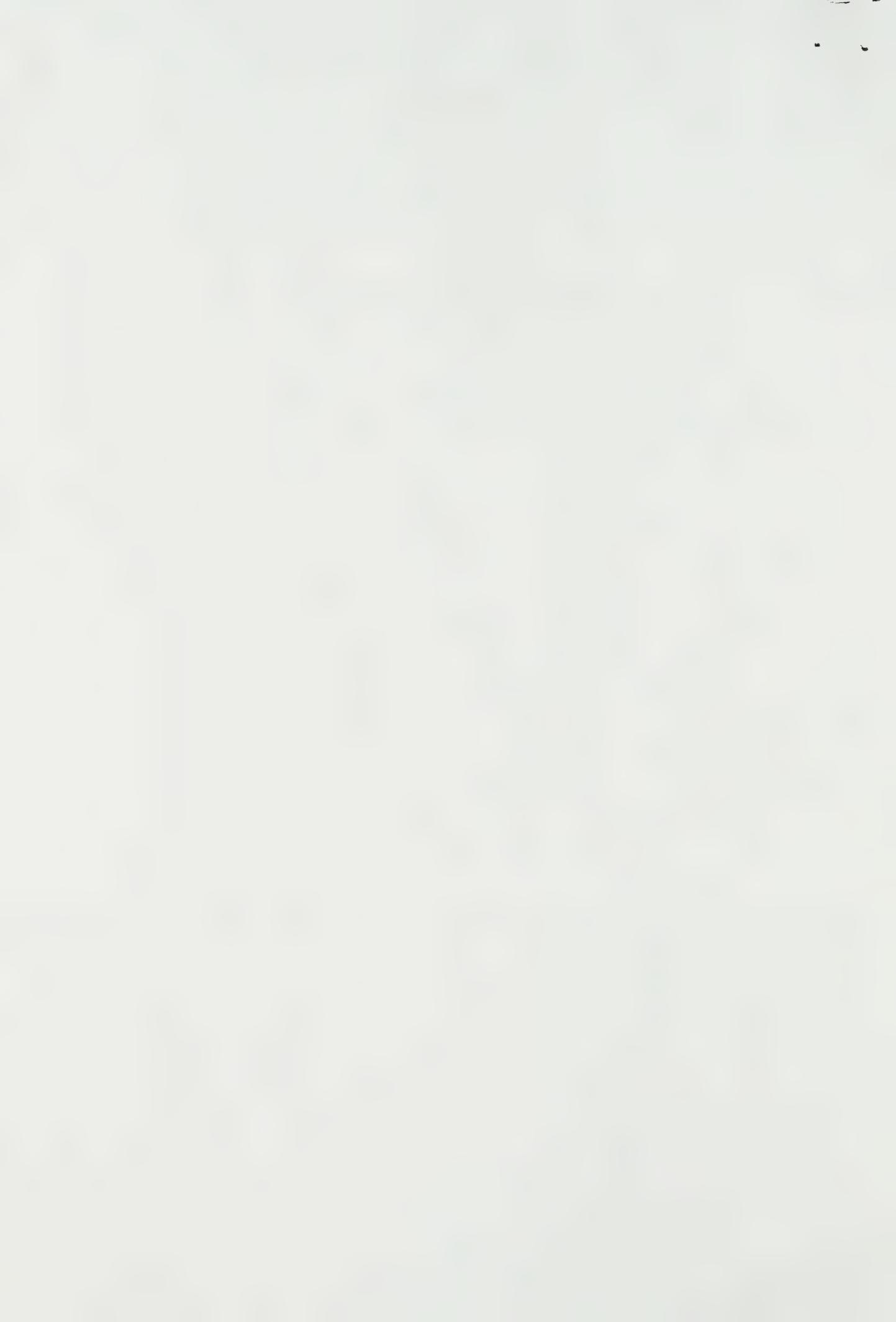
**FEDERAL-PROVINCIAL AGREEMENT  
CREATES SHORT-TERM JOBS  
IN ONTARIO FORESTS**

Three new forestry projects will receive financial assistance under the Canada-Ontario Forest Resource Development Agreement, and a joint contribution by Domtar Inc. The announcement was made today by Gerald S. Merrithew, federal Minister of State (Forestry and Mines) and Ontario Natural Resources Minister Vincent Kerrio.

Totalling almost \$1.1-million and creating more than 1200 work weeks, these projects will allow forest renewal operations to be conducted in the areas of Bancroft and Hearst and forest survey activities near Nipigon.

"The key aims of this agreement are improved forest management and greater employment opportunities in the forest," Mr. Merrithew said.

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These projects are being monitored by the Canadian Forestry Service in co-operation with Domtar Incorporated, and will involve tree planting, thinning, site preparation and pruning activities in the Bancroft and Hearst areas, on Domtar's freehold land. Survey of spruce budworm on susceptible balsam fir stands will take place in the Lake Nipigon Forest Management Agreement area to determine whether early harvest of the wood will be required to reduce losses from the budworm kill.

"These projects will both augment work completed under provincial Forest Management Agreements, and strengthen private sector commitment to the future of their forest resources," Ontario Minister of Natural Resources Vincent Kerrio said.

COFRDA is a \$150-million, five-year agreement, signed in 1984 by the federal and provincial governments to fund increased tree production and planting, and to assist in other forest management activities in Ontario.

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## INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS

### Bancroft Project

Amount of Contract: \$726,249  
Work Weeks Created: 945

Scope of Work: The project includes 91 ha of bare root tree planting with associated seedling purchases, 203 ha of conifer pre-commercial thinning, 35 ha of conifer release using herbicides, 66 ha of conifer plantation manual release, 690 ha of deciduous pre-commercial thinning, 110 ha of commercial site preparation, 1880 ha of white pine crop tree pruning, 30 ha of corrective clipping of weevil damaged white pine, 118 ha of modified harvest layout, and 227 ha of tree marking for hardwood stand improvement cutting. The contract is now in its second year and much of the work has been completed.

### Hearst Project

Amount of Contract: \$256,505  
Work Weeks Created: 173

Scope of Work: The work includes 38,167 ha of not satisfactorily regenerated survey, 80 ha of bare root tree planting, 122 ha of container tree planting with associated tree seedling purchases, 200 ha of site preparation, 21 ha of manual conifer plantation release, 324 ha of modified harvest layout, and 1,084 ha of pre-treatment surveys. The contract is now in its second year and much of the work has been completed.

### Lake Nipigon Forest Management Agreement Project

Amount of Contract: \$113,604  
Work Weeks Created: 91

Scope of Work: The work involves the survey of 16, 562 ha of spruce budworm susceptible balsam fir stands. The contract is now in its second year, and a portion of the work has been completed.

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